

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 251X) and STB Docket No. AB-383 (Sub-No. 4X)] and Union Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Dane County, WI; AB-383 (Sub-No. 4X)]

### Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Dane County, WI

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company (WSOR) have jointly filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for UP to abandon and WSOR to discontinue service over a 4.4-mile line of railroad, known as the Central Soya Line, Harvard Subdivision, between milepost 85.5 in the City of Madison and milepost 89.9 in the City of Fitchburg, in Dane County, WI. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 53711, 53717, and 53719.

UP and WSOR have certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years prior to the date of the filing of the notice and any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (2) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment or discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of

financial assistance (OFA) has been received, these exemptions will be effective on June 1, 2005, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>1</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by May 12, 2005. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by May 23, 2005, with: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representatives: Mack H. Shumate, Attorney for Union Pacific Railroad Company, 101 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 1920, Chicago, IL 60606; and John D. Heffner, John D Heffner, PLLC, Attorney for Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company, Suite 800, 1920 N Street NW., Washington, DC 20036

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

UP and WSOR have filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment and discontinuance on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by May 6, 2005. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539.

[Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), UP shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by

<sup>1</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>2</sup> Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,200. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

UP's filing of a notice of consummation by May 2, 2006, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "<http://www.stb.dot.gov>."

Decided: April 21, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Public Meeting of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform

**AGENCY:** Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises all interested persons of the location of the May 11-12, 2005, public meeting of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform. This meeting was previously announced in 70 FR 21493 (April 26, 2005).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2005, and Thursday, May 12, 2005. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on both days.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Transportation Safety Board Conference Center Auditorium, 429 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20594. Seating will be available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Panel staff at (202) 927-2TAX (927-2829) (not a toll-free call) or e-mail [info@taxreformpanel.gov](mailto:info@taxreformpanel.gov) (please do not send comments to this box). Additional information is available at <http://www.taxreformpanel.gov>.

Dated: April 28, 2005.

**Mark S. Kaizen,**  
Designated Federal Officer.

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